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RICE IMPORT BY UAE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of United Arab Emirates(UAE) visited India recently for the purpose of increasing rice import from India;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(c) the total quantity of Indian rice imported by UAE alongwith its percentage share in UAE market during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): A delegation of rice importers from UAE visited India on 25th July, 2007 for developing a long term understanding in augmenting Basmati rice supplies from India at competitive prices. An interactive session for the delegation members with basmati rice exporters was organized by APEDA.

(c) : The information regarding total quantity of Indian rice imported by UAE along with its percentage share in UAE market during the last three years is not available in the data provided by the UAE Ministry of Economy. However, the exports of Rice from India to UAE along with its percentage share in total export of Rice during the last three years are as under:-

Export of Rice to UAE Qty: Mts

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Basmati Rice			
Total Export	11,62,989	11,66,563	10,40,672
To UAE	61,882	62,100	1,02,492
Share of UAE (%)	5.32	5.32	9.84
Non Basmati Rice			
Total Export	36,15,110	29,21,602-	37,04,847
To UAE	1,57,316	1,67,999	1,25,788
Share of UAE (%)	4.35	5.75	3.4
TOTAL	47,78,099	40,88,165	47,45,519
To UAE	2,19,198	2,30,099	2,28,280
Share of UAE (%)	4.59	5.63	4.81

(Source : DGC&IS)